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¶1. With respect to the UN OCHA Donor Support Non-Traditional Donors Conference co-chaired by the GOT and USAID and scheduled for April 27-28 in Istanbul at the Hotel Dedeman, Embassy POC is David Young (90-312-455 5555 X2256; YoungDK@state.gov) and Consulate PA POC is Katharina Gollner-Sweet (90-212-335 9000 x9145; SweetKP@state.gov).

¶2. Got MFA Officer Volkan Oskiper (90-312-292-2851; voskiper@mfa.gov.tr) made contact with Embassy and shared the draft agenda. The goal of the conference is to increase humanitarian funding partnerships with non-traditional (non-OECD) donors. Per Reftel USAID will provide a fund-site to cover conference expenditures. In consultation with USAID, The Turkish Emergency Management Agency (YAY) has made initial research and arrangements through Aktuel Tours travel agency in Istanbul.

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